



South Finland EU Office



SEMINAR PROGRAMME

Rethinking the Concept of Lifelong Learning – Regional Aspects

Tuesday, 23 March 2010 at 9 a.m.
Committee of the Regions, room JDE 53
Rue Belliard 99-101, Brussels

"Learning is not a product of schooling but the lifelong attempt to acquire it"
- Albert Einstein

9.00-9.15 Welcome and Introduction: *A New Era of Lifelong Learning in Päijät-Häme Region – Challenges and Possibilities*. Ms Jaana Simola, Senior Advisor, Regional Council of Päijät-Häme

9.15-9.45 Keynote speech: *EU 2020 – Toothless Tiger or Power Broker – What Is the Role of Lifelong Learning?* Commissioner Ms Androulla Vassiliou, DG Education, Culture, Multilingualism and Youth, European Commission (tbc)

9.45-10.00 *New Skills for Old Jobs or Old Skills for New Jobs?* Mr Sebastian Stetter, Policy Coordinator, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities, European Commission

10.00-11.00 Panel discussion: *Is There a Bridge Between Strategies and Practices? EU, National Governments, Regions, Local Actors - One Common Goal?* Moderator Ms Tuula Loikkanen, Head of Office, South Finland EU Office

1. Mr Hannu Takkula, MEP and Member of the Committee on Culture and Education, European Parliament
2. Mr Sebastian Stetter, Policy Coordinator, DG Employment, European Commission
3. Speaker from the CEDEFOP - European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training (tbc)
4. Mr Paul Harris, Head of Office, Welsh Higher Education in Brussels (tbc)

11.00-11.30 Coffee



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11.30-11.45 *Education at Glance 2009 – Which Way to Go?* Mr Pasi Reinikainen, OECD Directorate for Education

11.45-12.00 *ICT – Is It for All of Us?* Mr André Richier, Principal Administrator, DG Enterprise and Industry, European Commission

12.00-12.55 Panel discussion: *What Kind of Future We Want to Live in – The New Ways of Thinking and Acting?* Moderator Ms Tuula Loikkanen, Head of Office, South Finland EU Office

1. Mr Pasi Reinikainen, OECD
2. Mr Lauri Kuukasjärvi, Project Manager, Regional Council of Päijät-Häme
3. Mr André Richier, DG Enterprise and Industry, European Commission
4. Ms Emma Harvey, Scottish Government EU Office - Education, Youth, Culture, Research, Social Affairs & Public Health (tbc)
5. Ms Hilikka Roisko, Tampere University Research Centre for Vocational Education (tbc)

12.55-13.00 Summary: Ms Jaana Simola, Senior Advisor, Regional Council of Päijät-Häme

13.00 Sandwich lunch on site

15.00 Project session in the South Finland EU Office